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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. 25X1 [redacted]

TOPIC Information on KVP units in Potsdam

EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 16 September to 23 October 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE [redacted]

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[redacted] 1. On 1 October 1953, source learned [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] that Villa Ingenheim and the adjacent buildings previously occupied by the Soviets were now being used by the State Security Service. VP agency "Z" of the Ministry of the Interior previously quartered at General Wever Kaserne at Potsdam-Eiche moved to these buildings. A VP Quartiernutzungsabteilung moved to the former Garde du Corps Kaserne. This office is connected to Villa Ingenheim by three newly built telephone lines. 1

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[redacted] 2. On 30 September, source learned that Villa Ingenheim on Zeppelin Strasse in Potsdam was reoccupied by the KVP on about 25 September. A strikingly large number of KVP officers were seen there. [redacted]

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3. On 3 October, the barracks installation located just south of the former stables on Pappel Allee quartered 300 to 400 KVPs with red and black collar patches. The soldiers involved allegedly moved there from barracks installations on Stalin Allee and Jaeger Allee in late September. On 3 October, the barracks

25X1 installation on Jaeger Allee previously occupied by KVP personnel quartered

25X1 a Soviet unit whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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[redacted] 4. On 3 October, source observed that the barracks installation north of Cross Glienicke had been taken over by the KVP. Only a Soviet rear detail was still observed at the installation, which, according to VPs, is scheduled to house an NCO school. 2

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5. Between 25 September and 10 October, source observed that there was no change in the status of the Ruinenberg Kaserne south of Pappel Allee which quartered KVP personnel. Many soldiers who wore green and blue collar patches and yellow-bordered black collar patches were seen in the billeting area. On 1 October, source observed an estimated 100 ammunition
25X1 boxes measuring 80 x 40 cm in the yard of the installation.
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25X1 On 10 October, a convoy of 10 trucks each occupied by about
25X1 25 VPs armed with carbines left the installation. Truck
25X1 was identified. No training activities were seen.

6. Between 7 and 18 October, there was heavy personnel traffic between the former Garde du Corps Kaserne on the east side of Stalin Allee and the former Leibgardehusaren Kaserne on the west side of Stalin Allee. No training activities were observed. Sentries seen in front of the two installations wore crimson collar patches without pipings.
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7. On 13 October, 15 van-like trucks were seen entering the Ruinenberg Kaserne 25X1 which had been occupied for some days by a weak KVP detail whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. The trucks seen appeared to be new
25X1 Only about 60 KVPs who wore red epaulets were seen at the former Unteroffiziersschule. The unit quartered there was allegedly employed on a large search mission for a Polish gang believed to be on the way to West Berlin. 3

8. Between 16 and 22 September, source observed that the barracks installation at Golm near Potsdam still quartered KVP units and an SSD school. Major Muench was supply officer of the unit stationed at the installation. Further officers assigned to the unit were Buettner , Fanghaenel (fnu), Proehl , and Woigk . They ranked from lieutenant to captain. On 19 September, maintenance work was being done on 6 or 8 T-34/85 tanks. Between 24 September and about 1 October, billeting equipment was daily trucked out of the barracks installation. The equipment was taken to the Garde du Corps Kaserne. In the nights between 24 and 28 September, numerous tanks appeared to leave the barracks installation for a large-scale exercise. No personnel or heavy weapons were observed leaving the installation. Between 2 and 17 October, all the windows of the installation which could be seen from the street were lighted; only little activity was observed during the day. The officers billeted in the officers houses of the installation left for Potsdam every morning either by bicycle or by bus. Personnel with yellow-bordered black, red-bordered black, red, and blue epaulets rotated for the guarding of the barracks installation. Source learned from kitchen personnel that a small cadre unit was permanently stationed at the barracks installation while young soldiers continuously were rotated there.1
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9. Between 28 September and 23 October, the Ruinenberg Kaserne in Potsdam quartered an estimated 300 VPs who wore black-bordered red and red epaulets. The soldiers mainly did clearing up work and were engaged in the hauling of construction materials. No training activity was observed.

25X1 On 21 October, about 40 men armed with three light machine guns and
25X1 carbines and carrying spades entered the barracks installation from the
25X1 Pfingstberg area.

10. The barracks installation at Golm quartered a KVP unit of undetermined
25X1 strength. Sentries seen there wore black-bordered red and red collar
25X1 patches. No training activity was observed.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The General Wever Kaserne mentioned in this paragraph 25X1 is identical with the barracks installation at Golm. The installation quartered an SSD school and KVP units of the Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam. It is unclear, whether the SSD school or the KVP units moved to Villa Ingenheim and the adjacent buildings. The existence in Potsdam of a Quartiernutzungsabteilung was previously known; the office is subordinate to the Quartiernutzungsverwaltung of the KVP at the Ministry of the Interior.

2. [redacted] Comment. A Bereitschaft and a school of the border police are 25X1 located at Gross Glienicke. The same installation previously quartered a Soviet battalion which had also been employed for border guard missions around Berlin.

3. [redacted] Comment. The search operation for Czech not Polish refugees was 25X1 reported previously.

4. [redacted] Comment. This office believes that the following installations in 25X1 the Potsdam area quarter component units of the Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam: Leibgardehusaren Kaserne and Garde du Corps Kaserne, on Stalin Allee; the barracks installation south of Pappel Allee (Ruinenberg Kaserne); the barracks installation at Golm; and the former Unteroffizierschule on Jaeger Allee. Some of the installations mentioned may be only partially used by the KVP.

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